

MEETINGS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

The opening Meeting of the Grand Council of the I.C.N. was convened in the High School, Montreal, on July 5th. Miss Nina D. Gage, President, in the Chair. The meetings thereafter continued at intervals, as summoned.

The first business was to consider whether members of Affiliated Associations, who were not Official Delegates, should be admitted to listen to the discussions, but not to vote. This was agreed.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Grand Council were read and confirmed.

The Grand Council approved the recommendations of the Board of Directors in regard to the adoption and the rejection of Amendments to the Constitution and Bye-Laws, and as to Resolutions, as reported in the proceedings of the Board of Directors.

Annual Dues.

A long discussion as to the Finance of the Council took place, and the following amendment to Article V. 1 of the Bye-Laws was carried: "The Annual dues from each Active Member may be changed by the Grand Council without previous notice to the Affiliated National Associations, provided such change is recommended by the Board of Directors, and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Council.

"Any change in the Annual Dues shall not become effective until one year after such change is made."

At a subsequent meeting, it was agreed that the Annual Dues of each Affiliated Member (National Council) should be eight American cents, or its equivalent in the currency of the country represented, which in British coinage is fourpence per capita.

Election of Officers.

The result of the Ballot for the election of the President was reported by the Scrutineers as follows:—

Mlle. L. Chaptal (France), 52 votes.

Miss C. D. Noyes (U.S.A.), 35 votes.

At a subsequent ballot, Miss Noyes and Miss J. I. Gunn were re-elected first and second Vice-Presidents respectively by large majorities.

The I.C.N.

It was agreed that the Annual Subscription to the I.C.N. (the Official Organ of the International Council of Nurses), the name of which has now been changed to the *International Nursing Review*, should be raised to 8s. per annum, or 10 Swiss francs, and that it should be published six times a year instead of four.

Invitations for the 1933 Meeting.

Three invitations for the meeting of the International Council of Nurses in 1933 were considered, *i.e.*, from the National Councils of Trained Nurses of France, the South African Trained Nurses' Association, and the National Association of Nurses of Cuba. It was decided by a large majority to accept that of France.

On the invitation of Miss Hellemans (Belgium), it was agreed to include that country in the scope of the meeting.

The question of holding an Interim Conference in 1932 was referred to the Board of Directors. In the event of such a Conference being held, the Grand Council referred an invitation received from the Nurses' Association of India to hold the Conference in India to the consideration of the Board, but made no recommendation.

Definition of the Term "Trained Nurse."

The Education Committee presented a tentative definition of the term "Trained Nurse," and it was agreed that it should be circulated.

THE NURSES' CONGRESS.

There are a few supreme moments in most lives and such an one for the members of the International Council of Nurses was the magnificent meeting in the Forum at Montreal on Monday, July 8th. We had had a business meeting in the afternoon, had been impressed with its size, with the numbers attending, with the personalities of the leaders, and of the nurses of the many nations attending the Congress, but the great event of the day was the official welcome at the evening meeting by the Government and notable citizens. We propose in this issue to devote the space at our disposal to the evening meetings on July 8th and 9th, and in subsequent issues to give further reports of General Sessions, Sections, and Round Tables.

The Welcome of Montreal.

The Forum, a vast amphitheatre seating from 8,000 to 10,000, was filled long before 8 p.m. the hour for the meeting. Over 6,000 nurses had registered as members of the Congress, and many were present who had not done so, tier upon tier as far as the eye could reach, the nurses of the world—a splendid sight—were gathered under the flags of many nations. Prominent among them, in place of honour, as was fitting in a British Dominion, the British Flag, while the band of the Royal Canadian Highlanders, in their brilliant uniforms, played well-known and inspiring airs.

At the back of the platform, in large letters, was the word "Welcome," and the floral decorations, both that evening and throughout the week, so fresh and beautiful, were the gift of the Municipality of Westmount, a suburb of the city.

Everyone rose as the band struck up the British National Anthem, and then the Board of Directors and the invited speakers filed on to the platform—the Hon. Ferdinand Rinfret, Secretary of State, representing the Governor-General, Viscount Willingdon—and the smallest and smartest of Girl Guides, who gave us such willing and efficient service throughout the week, stood to attention.

The British Delegates had brought bouquets of lovely roses for the President of the International Council of Nurses, Miss Nina D. Gage, the first and second Vice-Presidents, Miss Clara D. Noyes and Miss Jean I. Gunn, and Miss Mabel F. Hersey, President of the Canadian Nurses' Association, and now presented them; after which Miss Gage invited Miss Margaret Breay, representing Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, Founder of the Council, to present a letter from H.R.H. the Princess Arthur of Connaught, State Registered Nurse. The letter (which was published in full in our issue of last month) conveyed to the Congress Her Royal Highness's good wishes for the success of the meetings and conferences, that the Congress might be productive of much educational progress for the Nursing Profession, and that, to the Nurses attending from so many different countries, it might prove a very enjoyable experience.

The letter was received with applause, and an acknowledgment and the thanks of the Congress were subsequently conveyed to Her Royal Highness by the President.

Miss Gage also read many telegrams from all over the world, including one from Miss Monk, Matron of the London Hospital, London, England, which were received with much pleasure by the audience.

Message from the Governor-General.

The President then introduced to the meeting the Hon. Ferdinand Rinfret, Secretary of State, who read the following message from the Governor-General, who was unable to be present:

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